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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDONESIA BY JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN

REF: STATE 045010

FOR ZURHELLEN, EA

1. BELIEVE THT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE MUST PROCEED WITH  
ACCEPTANCE GENERAL PANGGABEAN'S INVITATION TO GENERAL  
BROWN. (FRUTHER, I LEARNED OVER WEEKEND THAT GENERAL  
BROWN'S ACCEPTANCE ALREADY CABLED THROUGH GENERAL  
NIKLANI, INDONESIAN MILITARY ATTACHE.) I HAVE INSTRUCTED  
ATTACHE ACCORDINGLY.

2. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GENERAL PANGGABEAN PRESENTED  
INVITATION TO JOHN NORTON MOORE AND ADMIRAL MORRIS WHEN  
THEY VISITED HIM IN DECEMBER. ONE OF THEM SHOULD HAVE  
INFORMED EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT AT THAT TIME. TO BEST OF  
MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY DID NOT. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LEARN  
OF SUCH INVITATIONS AND THEIR ACCEPTANCE BELATEDLY FROM  
INDONESIANS.

3. OUR UNDERSTANDING HERE IS THAT GENERAL PANGGABEAN  
LOOKS UPON VISIT AT LEAST PARTIALLY AS RETURN FOR VISIT  
HE MADE TO WASHINGTON AND IS PLEASED AT POSSIBILITY

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GENERAL BROWN'S COMING. UNDOUBTEDLY, HOWEVER, PRESIDENT

SUHARTO AND PANGGABEAN HOPE THAT GENERAL BROWN WILL BRING THEM ANSWERS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE QUESTIONS. I WOULD HOPE WE COULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO AVOID OBVIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT WHICH FOLLOWED SUCCESSIVE VISITS IN JANUARY WHERE VISITORS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO REITERATE UNCERTAIN SITUATION IN CONGRESS. GENERAL BROWN WILL NOT GET MUCH MILEAGE OUT OF REFERENCE TO ECONOMIC SUBJECTS AND, TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS, WE SUGGEST HE STEER CLEAR OF ECONOMIC SUBJECTS. HE SHOULD BE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AREA SITUATION AS FRANKLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO PRESENT MOST POSITIVE PICTURE POSSIBLE ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES. POSSIBILITIES RELATING TO LATTER, EVEN IN ABSENCE CONGRSSIONAL ACTION, WOULD BE PROPOSALS RESULTING FROM RECENT INDONESIAN TEAM SEEKING NAVAL VESSELS AND FINAL CINFIRMATION OF WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL C-130S AT FAVORABLE PRICES.

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